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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/611,320
<i>Filing Date</i>	July 6, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Richard J. Collins
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3722
<i>Examiner Name</i>	W. Fridie
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	016762.085-US01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	<i>Andrea G. Reister</i>	Date	November 19, 2001



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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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Docket No.: 016762.085-US01  
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In re Patent Application of:  
Richard J. Collins, et al.

Application No.: 09/611,320 ✓

Group Art Unit: 3722

Filed: July 6, 2000

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

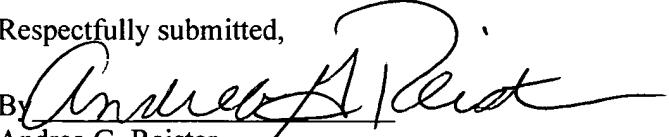
1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal;
3. Reply and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111;
4. Check No. 287649 for \$740 for the RCE filing fee; and
5. Return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 016762.085-US01. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent

abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: November 19, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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**Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 7), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, as well as the accompanying request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740 referencing docket number 16762.085.US01.

***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please amend claims 1 and 14 as follows:

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1. (amended) A credit-card-sized card comprising a front, a back, and tread comprising a plurality of generally hemispherically shaped raised dimples for improving the gripability of said card.
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